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Prof. Joshua Lederberg  
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Dear Joshua,

I am sorry that you will not be able to be in Turin next October.

Exceptionally, the degree can be awarded "in absentia", although in general the presence of the candidate is required.

I suggest that you send a telegram to the Rettore of the University on the day of the ceremony (October 13) apologizing for not being present.

It would be very nice if you come to Torino in another occasion for giving a lecture (as soon as possible) and we shall organize a special ceremony for your doctorate.

Please let me know at your earliest convenience when you think you will be able to visit us.

Sincerely Yours,

*Ruffaw*  
Ruggero Ceppellini

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P.S. Address of the Rettore: Prof. Mario Allara  
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Dear Ruggero--

I will certainly send the telegram that you suggest. I am sorry that I will not be able to come in October; but I hope it will not be impossible for me to accept the degree "in absentia".

It is a little difficult for me to travel extensively now (as I have acquired a 4½ year old son) but perhaps it will not be too long before we can all travel together, and I will certainly include Turin in our itinerary when we do. My wife Marguerite (a pediatrician here) is as fond of Italy as I am, and she also regrets that it has been so ~~many~~ many years since she revisited her godparents and childhood home in the Limousin, and in Charente.

All best wishes,

*Joshua*

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